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**Notification of a Public Meeting of the
Clean Air Scientific Advisory Committee (CASAC)
Oxides of Nitrogen Primary NAAQS Review Panel**

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Science Advisory Board (SAB) Staff Office announces a public meeting of the Clean Air Scientific Advisory Committee (CASAC) Oxides of Nitrogen Primary National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) Review Panel to peer review EPA's *Integrated Science Assessment (ISA) for Oxides of Nitrogen - Health Criteria (External Review Draft – November 2013)* and *Integrated Review Plan for the Primary National Ambient Air Quality Standards for Nitrogen Dioxide (External Review Draft)*.

DATES: The CASAC Oxides of Nitrogen Primary NAAQS Review Panel meeting will be on Wednesday, March 12, 2014 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. (Eastern Time) and on Thursday, March 13, 2014 from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. (Eastern Time).

ADDRESSES: The public meeting will be held at the Hilton Garden Inn Durham Southpoint, 7007 Fayetteville Road, Durham, North Carolina.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Any member of the public wishing to obtain information concerning the public meeting may contact Mr. Aaron Yeow, Designated Federal Officer (DFO), EPA Science Advisory Board Staff Office (1400R), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20460; by telephone/voice mail at (202) 564-2050 or at yeow.aaron@epa.gov. General information about the CASAC, as well as any updates concerning the meeting announced in this notice, may be found on the EPA website at <http://www.epa.gov/casac>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The CASAC was established pursuant to the Clean Air Act (CAA) Amendments of 1977, codified at 42 U.S.C. 7409(d)(2), to review air quality criteria and NAAQS and recommend any new NAAQS and revisions of existing criteria and NAAQS as may be appropriate. The CASAC shall also provide advice, information, and recommendations to the Administrator on the scientific and technical aspects of issues related to the criteria for air quality standards, research related to air quality, sources of air pollution, and of adverse effects which may result from various strategies to attain and maintain air quality standards. The CASAC is a Federal Advisory Committee chartered under the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), 5 U.S.C., App. 2. Section 109(d)(1) of the CAA requires that the Agency periodically review and revise, as appropriate, the air quality criteria and the NAAQS for the six “criteria” air pollutants, including oxides of nitrogen. EPA is currently reviewing the

primary (health-based) NAAQS for nitrogen dioxide (NO₂), as an indicator for health effects caused by the presence of oxides of nitrogen in the ambient air.

For purposes of the review of the oxides of nitrogen air quality criteria for health and the primary NAAQS for nitrogen dioxide, the CASAC Oxides of Nitrogen Primary National Ambient Air Quality Standards Review Panel was formed following a request for public nominations of experts (77 FR 63827, October 17, 2012). Pursuant to FACA and EPA policy, notice is hereby given that the CASAC Oxides of Nitrogen Primary NAAQS Review Panel will hold a public meeting to peer review EPA's *Integrated Science Assessment (ISA) for Oxides of Nitrogen - Health Criteria (External Review Draft – November 2013)* and *Integrated Review Plan for the Primary National Ambient Air Quality Standards for Nitrogen Dioxide (External Review Draft)*. The CASAC Oxides of Nitrogen Primary NAAQS Review Panel and the CASAC will comply with the provisions of FACA and all appropriate SAB Staff Office procedural policies.

The CASAC Oxides of Nitrogen Primary NAAQS Review Panel previously provided individual consultative comments on EPA's *Draft Plan for the Development of the Integrated Science Assessment for Nitrogen Oxides – Health Criteria (May 2013)* as reported in a letter to the EPA Administrator, dated June 18, 2013 (EPA-CASAC-13-006).

Technical Contacts: Any technical questions concerning the *Integrated Science Assessment for Oxides of Nitrogen - Health Criteria (External Review Draft – November*

2013) should be directed to Dr. Molini Patel (patel.molini@epa.gov) and technical questions concerning the *Integrated Review Plan for the Primary National Ambient Air Quality Standards for Nitrogen Dioxide (External Review Draft)* should be directed to Ms. Beth Hassett-Sipple (hassett-sipple.beth@epa.gov).

Availability of Meeting Materials: Prior to the meeting, the review documents, agenda and other materials will be accessible through the calendar link on the blue navigation bar at <http://www.epa.gov/casac/>.

Procedures for Providing Public Input: Public comment for consideration by EPA's federal advisory committees and panels has a different purpose from public comment provided to EPA program offices. Therefore, the process for submitting comments to a federal advisory committee is different from the process used to submit comments to an EPA program office.

Federal advisory committees and panels, including scientific advisory committees, provide independent advice to EPA. Members of the public can submit comments for a federal advisory committee to consider as it develops advice for EPA. Interested members of the public may submit relevant written or oral information on the topic of this advisory activity, and/or the group conducting the activity, for the CASAC to consider during the advisory process. Input from the public to the CASAC will have the most impact if it provides specific scientific or technical information or analysis for CASAC panels to consider or if it relates to the clarity or accuracy of the technical

information. Members of the public wishing to provide comment should contact the DFO directly. Oral Statements: In general, individuals or groups requesting an oral presentation at a public meeting will be limited to five minutes. Each person making an oral statement should consider providing written comments as well as their oral statement so that the points presented orally can be expanded upon in writing. Interested parties should contact Mr. Aaron Yeow, DFO, in writing (preferably via e-mail) at the contact information noted above by March 5, 2014 to be placed on the list of public speakers.

Written Statements: Written statements should be supplied to the DFO via email at the contact information noted above by March 5, 2014 so that the information may be made available to the Panel members for their consideration. Written statements should be supplied in one of the following electronic formats: Adobe Acrobat PDF, MS Word, MS PowerPoint, or Rich Text files in IBM-PC/Windows 98/2000/XP format. It is the SAB Staff Office general policy to post written comments on the webpage for the advisory meeting or teleconference. Submitters are requested to provide an unsigned version of each document because the SAB Staff Office does not publish documents with signatures on its websites. Members of the public should be aware that their personal contact information, if included in any written comments, may be posted to the CASAC website. Copyrighted material will not be posted without explicit permission of the copyright holder.

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accommodation of a disability, please contact Mr. Yeow preferably at least ten days prior to each meeting to give EPA as much time as possible to process your request.

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